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1978 B) KUALA LUMPUR 3407, PARAS. 7, 14., C) CANBERRA 3209

1. REF TELCON, ORM INFORMED REF: OPS KUALA LUMPUR THAT AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MAY APPROACH CANADIANS OVER MATTER OF EXPEDITING GOC PROGRAM ACCEPTANCES AND, MORE IMPORTANT, ACTUAL MOVEMENT OF ACCEPTED REFUGEES FROM MALAYSIA FOR RESETTLEMENT IN CANADA. IT IS PRESUMED THAT AUSTRALIAN ANXIETY OVER SLOW MOVEMENT OF BOAT REFUGEES TO CANADA (7 DURING APRIL) IS PROBABLY IN CONTEXT OF RASH OF DEPARTURES-BY-BOAT OF PULAU TENGAH CAMP REFUGEES TO DARWIN. DEPARTMENT SOLICITED EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR'S VIEWS ON MATTER.

2. EMBASSY FEELS THAT INCREASE IN RATE OF DEPARTURES TO CANADA WOULD DO MUCH TO BOOST MOREALE OF PERSONS WAITING TO BE RESETTLED THERE. ADDITIONALLY, IT WOULD DEFINITELY PROMPT MORE REFUGEES TO MAKE SINCERE APPLICATIONS FOR CANADIAN RESETTLEMENT. PULAU
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TENGAH REFUGEE CAMP HAS BEEN THE DEPARTURE POINT FOR VIRTUALLY ALL BOATS LEAVING MALAYSIA FOR DARWIN. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT OF THE 205 REFUGEES KNOWN TO BE "ACCEPTED-BY-CANADA PENDING MEDICAL CLEARANCES" FROM MALAYSIA THIS YEAR, LESS THAN 50 OF THOSE REFUGEES ARE NOW ON PULAU TENGAH.

3. HAVING CORRESPONDED AND MET WITH CANADIAN IMMIGRATION AUTH-

ORITIES IN RECENT WEEKS REF:OPS KUALA LUMPUR NOTES EXTREME CANADIAN SENSITIVITY ON THAT LEVEL TO ANYTHING EVEN HINTING THAT THEY SHOULD MOVE FASTER -- SEE REF B PARA 14. FROM MENTIONED CONTACTS WITH REGIONAL GOC AUTHORITIES, IT APPEARS THAT GOC REGARDS 50 CASE PER MONTH REFUGEE PROGRAM AS PART OF OVERALL IMMIGRATION PROGRAM AND A CRASH EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE HUGELY INCREASED FLOW OF REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM.

4. CANADIAN CRITERIA ARE STRICT. ENGLISH-SPEAKING REFUGEE PHYSICIANS HAVE BEEN REJECTED. BECAUSE OF 8 PCT UNEMPLOYMENT IN CANADA AND WHAT REGIONAL GOC IMMIGRATION OFFICER CALLS CANADA'S WORST ECONOMIC SITUATION SINCE WW II, IMMIGRATION PERSONNEL APPARENTLY SELECT ONLY IMMEDIATE RELATIVES OF CANADIAN RESIDENTS AND REFUGEES WHO ARE IMMEDIATELY RPT IMMEDIATELY EMPLOYABLE UPON ENTERING CANADA. GIVEN THAT CRITERIA, IT IS, PERHAPS, REMARKABLE THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED 205 PERSONS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO DATE.

5. CANADIAN REGIONAL IMMIGRATION IN SINGAPORE CONSISTS OF TWO OFFICERS. THEY ARE CHARGED WITH THE CANADIAN REGIONAL IMMIGRATION PROGRAM AS WELL AS 50 CASE PER MONTH REFUGEE PROGRAM. THOSE OFFICERS FEEL TO BE, AND PROBABLY ARE, OVERWORKED BECAUSE OF REFUGEE PROGRAM. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS AND REVIEW OF RESULTS BY A CANADIAN PHYSICIAN IN SINGAPORE SEEM TO BE MAJOR CAUSES FOR DELAY IN DEPARTURES.

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6. GIVEN CANADIAN SENSITIVITY AND ATTITUDE, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT A STRONG GOA DEMARCHE WOULD ACHIEVE THE RESULTS THE AUSTRALIANS APPARENTLY DESIRE, I.E. , REDUCING OR FORESTALLING FURTHER DEPARTURES BY BOAT FOR DARWIN. PERHAPS MORE USEFUL MIGHT BE A REVIEW OF CURRENT REFUGEE SITUATION VIS A VIS REFUGEE ARRIVAL RATE IN REGION AND SOME PROCEDURAL SUGGESTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, GOC MIGHT AUGMENT SINGAPORE-BASED IMMIGRATION STAFF BY T.D. Y. ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER. ALSO, CONSIDERING THAT CANADIAN IMMIGRATION PHYSICIAN SINGAPORE IS ENDING TOUR, IT MIGHT SUGGESTED THAT REPLACEMENT GIVE HIGHER PRIORITY TO BOAT REFUGEE CASES.

7. REFUGEE OPERATIONS KUALA LUMPUR WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH CANADIANS DURING THEIR MAY TOUR OF REFUGEE CAMPS. FURTHER COMMENT MAY BE OFFERED IN AFTERMATH.

8. FOR DEPT, CANBERRA, INS DIDIR: PER REFS A AND C, POST PLANS TO GO AHEAD COORDINATION OF PULAU THEGAH PROCEDURES IN COOPERATION WITH AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION. AS SOON AS BOATS ARRIVE AT PULAU TENGAH THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY AUSTRALIANS AND UNHCR. AUSTRALIANS WILL SELECT ON-SPOT REFUGEES FOR IMMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA. UNHCR WILL

NOTE ALL REFUGEES WITH GOOD PROSPECTS FOR COUNTRIES OTHER THAN U.S. WITH INTERNATIONALIZATION CRITERIA THUS OBSERVED, J.V.A. REP OR EMBOFF WILL TRAVEL IMMEDIATELY TO P.T. CAMP TO INFORM OTHER REFUGEES THAT THEY HAVE EXCELLENT CHANCE FOR U.S. ACCEPTANCE. (LESS THAN 1 PCT WILL BE REJECTED UNDER I.N.A. 212 (A)).

9. RESERVATIONS CITED TO AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION ARE:

A) PROCEDURE CONFIDENTIAL AND MEANT ONLY FOR PULAU TENGAH ISLAND CAMP TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER DEPARTURES FOR DARWIN.

B. "ASSURANCE" TO RESETTLE IN U.S. ONLY IN CONTEXT OF 1,500 'A' NUMBERS REMAINING UNDER IPP-78. EXTENSION OF INFORMAL AGREEMENT CONTINGENT ON AG'S APPROVAL OF NEW PAROLE AUTHORITY.

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